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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

The reference listed on Form PTO and enclosed herewith was cited in an Office Action dated September 1, 2009 in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-316865. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is enclosed. Also enclosed is a Statement of Relevancy with respect to the cited reference.

Inasmuch as the item listed on Form PTO-1449 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this submission, no fee is due.

It is respectfully requested that this information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that this reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. 19-4293.

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